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OFFICERS :

MODERATOR—Rev. W. H. Patterson, Eufaula, Ala.

CLERK—Wm. A. Davis, Eufaula, Ala.

TREASURER—M. Cody, Cowikee, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1882-3.

J. E. Chambliss, W. S. Rogers, W. H. Patterson, Wm. A. Davis, D. M. Seals, Z. T. Weaver, E. S. Shorter, A. H. Borders, J. D. Roquemore, W. N. Reeves, and J. A. Walker.

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Jesse Robson, Clayton.

I. P. Cheney, Glennville.

W. H. Patterson, Eufaula.

W. S. Rogers, Midway.

W. N. Reeves, "

A. H. Borders, Clayton.

H. E. Brooks, "

Z. T. Weaver, Batesville.

J. E. Chambliss, "

LICENSED MINISTERS IN BOUNDS OF ASSOCIATION :

Riley Herring, Louisville.

H. R. Schramm, Eufaula.

L. D. Hughes, "

C. J. Stephens, "

G. W. Harrison, Clayton.

STANDING COMMITTEES, TO REPORT NEXT YEAR :

SABBATH SCHOOLS—B. Davie, E. L. Graves, H. C. Thornton.

STATE MISSIONS—J. D. Roquemore, J. J. S. Willis, A. B. Starke.

HOME MISSIONS—G. B. Thomas, M. Bennett, J. G. Sinquefield.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—W. S. Paullin, A. W. Beverly, J. E. McCormick.

DECEASED MINISTERS—J. M. Thornton, W. A. Bishop, G. W. Harrison.

EDUCATION—H. Hawkins, L. Kendrick Faulk, J. R. Vann.

Compliments of

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NOTE.—Owing to an error made by the former clerk in 1861, that session was numbered the 7th, when it should have been the 8th. The error has kept pace with the minutes and each session since 1861 should have been increased by one in numbering. The Association was organized and held its first session in 1854; this, therefore, is the 29th annual session.—CLERK.

MINUTES.

COWIKEE BAPTIST CHURCH,
BATESVILLE, BARBOUR CO., ALA., OCT. 20, 1882.
FRIDAY MORNING.

1. THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with *Cowikee Baptist Church, Batesville, Barbour County, Ala.*, in its TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION at 12 o'clock M., and was called to order by W. H. Patterson, Moderator of former session.

2. *Devotional Exercises* for fifteen minutes were conducted by the Moderator.

3. The *Letters from the Churches* were read by J. O. Hixson and D. M. Seals.

4. *Delegates* were enrolled as follows:

BETHLEHEM—J. G. Sinquefield, J. E. McCormick, J. Anglin and D. J. McRae.

CENTRE RIDGE.—Wm. A. Bishop, John Miller, W. N. Whittington and J. J. S. Willis.

CLAYTON—A. H. Borders, Monroe Bennett, Bunyan Davie and W. B. Paullin.

COWIKEE—R. F. Wilkins, J. B. Boyer, W. A. Moore and Dozier Cade.

ENON—John Milner and J. H. Prudden.

EUFAULA—J. E. Chambliss, D. M. Seals, R. S. Jones, J. A. Manly, H. J. Irby, A. A. Couric, T. H. Craddock, J. A. B. Besson, H. E. Brooks, W. N. Reeves, W. H. Patterson, J. D. Roquemore, J. A. Walker, Z. F. Nance and Wm. A. Davis.

EVERGREEN—Not represented.

GLENNVILLE—B. F. McCarty, J. A. Roquemore, W. S. Paulin and I. P. Cheney.

HAWKINSVILLE—H. Hawkins and R. West.

HURTSBORO—T. R. Leslie.

MIDWAY—W. S. Rogers, Lewis Christian, W. C. Jordan, G. B. Thomas and E. W. Smith.

MT. MORIAH—J. N. Rasbery.

with
H. C. Thomas

MT. OLIVE—Thomas E. Warren, W. T. Bishop and D. H. Blair.

MT. ZION—A. W. Beverly, J. R. Vann, R. J. Orr and N. M. Bledsoe.

NEW HOPE—Chalmers Gachet and B. M. Gachet.

PEA CREEK—Not represented.

PINE GROVE—George W. Sparks and George Boyer.

PLEASANT GROVE—G. W. Harrison, Wm. Spires and Columbus Sea.

PLEASANT HILL—Not represented.

RAMAH—M. Cody, A. B. Starke, C. J. Jones, J. H. Pruett, R. R. Gary, Z. T. Weaver and H. B. Florence.

UNION—S. A. Blakey.

5. The chair having been vacated by the Moderator and J. O. Hixson presiding temporarily, the following *officers* were elected by acclamation, to-wit: W. H. Patterson, Moderator; William A. Davis, Clerk; and M. Cody, Treasurer.

6. Owing to the delay in gathering, caused by a heavy rain, the *Introductory sermon* was dispensed with.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

7. *Devotional Exercises* for fifteen minutes were conducted by the Moderator.

8. The Moderator appointed A. B. Starke to make *Report on Foreign Missions* in lieu of C. W. Martin, absent.

9. The Moderator announced the appointment of *Committees* to report at this session, as follows:

Religious Exercises—G. W. Sparks, R. R. Gary, J. E. McCormick, and the Pastor and Deacons of Cowikee church.

State of the Churches—J. A. B. Besson, A. W. Beverly and C. J. Jones.

Finance—J. A. Walker, J. G. Sinquefield and W. C. Jordan.

Nominations—George Boyer, J. R. Vann and H. J. Irby.

10. *Correspondents* were received from Associations as follows:

Centennial—J. O. Hixson, J. S. Dill and N. B. Feagin.

Montgomery—B. B. Davis.

Newton—N. C. Underwood.

Salem—M. M. Wamboldt.

11. *Representatives* of other organizations were received as follows:

State Mission Board—T. M. Bailey.

ALABAMA BAPTIST—T. M. Bailey.

12. The *Report of the Executive Committee* was read by J. E. Chambliss, the Chairman being absent.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1881-82.

The Committee was organized in Eufaula, October 26, 1881, by the selection of M. M. Wamboldt, Chairman; J. S. Paullin, Secretary; and William A. Davis, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

At our January meeting, J. E. Chambliss was elected a member of the Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of M. M. Wamboldt to Troy, Ala., and Eli S. Shorter was elected Chairman. At the June meeting W. H. Patterson was elected a member of the Committee in place of J. S. Paullin, deceased, and William A. Davis was elected Secretary. The Committee held five meetings during the year.

Education.

Henry R. Schramm has been our beneficiary at Howard College for the past year ending June 15, 1882. The Committee, with the funds appropriated at last session, paid his expenses to February 1, 1882. The Committee assumed his expenses for the second term with the exception of his tuition, which was free by consent of the college faculty. Some of the churches have contributed already towards the payment of this extra amount. The sum so paid was forty-one dollars, and a balance remains due of thirty-four dollars, which should be included in the appropriation to be made at this session for Theological Education. The Committee has been much gratified with the progress made by our brother in his studies. During his vacation he has assisted the pastors of several of our churches in protracted meetings. We have returned him to Howard College for another session.

E. W. Smith, of Midway, has made application to the Committee to be likewise its beneficiary, if funds were in hand.

We did not think it best to assume the responsibility of sending another student, but, if a sufficiency of funds can be secured, we recommend this brother, who is highly endorsed by his pastor, as an additional beneficiary.

Colportage.

Little has been done in the Colportage department of our work. The State Mission Board is prosecuting this work vigorously and we recommend that the new Executive Committee be empowered to transfer to the State Mission Board all the books remaining on hand and to pay a sum additional in money to make our contribution for this work one hundred dollars.

District Meetings.

The committee recommends a series of four or six District Meetings during the coming Associational year, in the belief that such meetings will prove to be of much benefit to our churches and that they will materially advance our Missionary and Educational interests.

Authority of Committee.

The question has been raised in the Committee as to what is the extent of its authority. By reference to the minutes of the Association we can find nothing on the subject. We think it would be well if the Association would, in a formal resolution, for the guidance of the Committee in the future, define the powers of the Executive Committee.

Order of Business.

At the August meeting an order of business for this session was adopted and six hundred copies have been printed and circulated.

Death of J. S. Paullin.

In the death of our dear brother, James Stratton Paullin, late Secretary of this Committee, and for twenty-three consecutive years Clerk of our Association, the Committee and the Association have lost a most useful member. In

view of his faithful work, we have thought it eminently proper to arrange a memorial service and have set apart Friday night for that purpose.

Treasurer's Report.

The report of the Committee's Treasurer is herewith submitted as a part of this report.

Faternally submitted,

ELI S. SHORTER, Chairman,

WM. A. DAVIS, Secretary,

For the Executive Committee.

October 20, 1882.

13. REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Receipts.

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| Oct. 24, 1881.--Balance from former Treasurer..... | \$17 35 |
| March 7, 1882.--From Clayton Church for Theological Education | 11 25 |
| From Glennville Church for Theological Education..... | 5 15 |
| From Hurtsboro Church for Theological Education..... | 11 00 |
| From Midway Church for Theological Education..... | 5 00 |
| From Enon Church for Theological Education | 3 50 |
| From Ramah Church for Theological Education..... | 5 25--\$58 50 |

Disbursements.

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| Oct. 27, 1881.--Paid H. R. Schramm..... | \$17 35 |
| March 9, 1882-- " " " | 27 20 |
| June 12, " -- " " " | 8 00 |
| Oct. 12, " -- " " " | 5 80 |
| Money Order Fee..... | 15--\$58 50 |

Faternally submitted,

WM. A. DAVIS,

Treasurer.

October 20, 1882.

14. The following resolution was adopted, to-wit : *W. A. D.*

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to consider the *circular of State Mission Board* regarding contributions.

W. S. Rogers, J. E. McCormick, A. H. Borders, W. A. Moore, A. W. Beverly, Z. T. Weaver and D. M. Seals were appointed such committee.

15. The following resolution was adopted, to-wit :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to report on the request of Eufaula church in regard to the question of *Prohibition of Liquor Traffic*.

The following committee was appointed, to-wit : J. E. Chambliss, W. S. Paullin, J. E. McCormick, Z. T. Weaver and E. W. Smith.

16. The following resolution was adopted, to-wit :

Resolved, That the *Memorial Services* of James Stratton Paullin, appointed for to-night, be postponed until Saturday morning and take place from 11:30 to 12:30.

17. The following resolution was adopted, to-wit :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to define the *Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee*.

The following were appointed the committee, to-wit : W. S. Rogers, J. E. Chambliss, D. M. Seals, J. R. Vann and M. Cody.

Adjourned till Saturday, 9 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING.

October 21, 1882.

18. *Devotional Exercises* for fifteen minutes were conducted by I. P. Cheney.

19. The *roll* was called and corrected.

20. The *Report on State Missions* was read by William A. Davis.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptists of Alabama have nothing of which they should be prouder than of the achievements of our State Mission Board. Seldom, if ever, has success in so marked a degree attended a new departure in Christian work.

Inaugurated in 1875 with one Missionary, its field of operations has extended year by year until during the last Conventional year 41 men have been engaged in the service and 132 points, either destitute of preaching or with weak churches, have been supplied by the missionaries of the Board. Some statistics of last year's work will prove interesting, to-wit: The days of actual service were 9,335; miles traveled, 42,935; sermons preached, 2,890; churches constituted, 12; Sunday schools organized, 61. This result is equivalent to the labor of one man for 25½ years, i. e., the work done last year was twenty-five times that done in 1875. Thirty-five Associations co-operated with the Board and contributed to its treasury \$16,451.58, which was appropriated as follows: State Missions, \$8,776.98; Home Missions, \$926.96; Foreign Missions, \$1,933.54; Education of Colored Race, \$167.62; American and Foreign Bible Society, \$24.00; Howard College, \$1,200.36; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, \$2,588.90; Colportage, \$787.87; and Indigent Ministers, \$45.35. This is an increase in contributions of \$2,800, being a gain of twenty per cent. over last year, a very satisfactory showing.

It is gratifying to know that, with one exception, (as per minutes of 1881, from which figures are taken) the Eufaula Association gave more per capita than any other in the State, having contributed for Associational purposes \$196.50, and for Missionary and Educational purposes, \$863.60, a total sum of \$1,060.10, or an average of 77 cents per member.

So much for what we have done; now, what shall we do for the future?

The Board does not want to abandon any part of the field now occupied and there are other portions of our State that need missionary work. This is home work, indeed, and it appeals directly to our sympathies. The Board has put in the field a general evangelist, who will assist pastors in protracted meetings. This doubtless is a wise move. It will also be his duty to bring outlying Associations into cooperation with our State Convention.

But little work has been done heretofore among the Colored People, but it is intended during this year to push the work more energetically. It is a work that promises good results.

The Bible and Colportage work has been prosecuted under great difficulties for lack of funds. During the year 609 Bibles and Testaments were sold by missionaries of the Board and 1,956 religious books, amounting in all to a value of \$1,604. The principal reason why it is so difficult to raise money for our Missionary and Educational enterprises is because the people lack information. The religious newspaper is an excellent disseminator of information on these subjects. Were THE ALABAMA BAPTIST read as it should be, by every Baptist family in the State, it would be a comparatively easy matter to collect money for all objects of Christian beneficence. We need to circulate religious books to take the places of others whose tendency is evil; we need to circulate the Bible, for in numerous cases our Colporteurs find families without God's Word. Our people should read more religious books; they lack information. The more this Bible and Colportage work is pushed, the more easily will money be raised. Educate the people and they will give.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST brings the gratifying information that the work of the State Mission Board is moving off most encouragingly this fall. A number of Associations have gone beyond their apportionment as fixed by the Board. The Colportage fund, also, increases week by week.

The Board complains justly that the contributions are not paid promptly. It is very desirable that our contracts should be made and met on a cash basis. Can we not by a little exertion, by being a little more systematic, make our payments prompter and more regular? Let us try.

The Board thinks that the Eufaula Association should give \$1,230 for the prosecution of the State work and for our other Missionary and Educational objects. We have a noble man at our head, we have a wise Board to advise him, we should do our part in furnishing the money to carry on the work vigorously.

We have much to be thankful for in that the work has been so much blessed in past years. The success and growth in the past should stimulate us to redouble our zeal. Much land remains to be conquered. "Forward" is the motto of the Board. We want a complete evangelization of the State. Let us cry "Alabama for Christ!" and not relax our efforts until we shall have a Baptist church and a Baptist Sunday school in every vicinity in Alabama.

WM. A. DAVIS, Chairman.

21. The *Report on Home Missions*, written by H. W. B. Price, was read by B. B. Davis.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

When the Master commanded that the Gospel should be preached in all the world, He did not devise or appoint the manner in which His truths, His plan of salvation should be disseminated or made known. This work He left to man, the grandest object of His Creation, and he, acting under the influence of the Spirit, must suggest and inaugurate suitable plans to carry to the heathen and to destitute places, the principles and truths as gathered from the Book of Life.

We who enjoy every day and every Sabbath, the principles of divine worship, cannot realize, and many of us are loth to believe, that to-day many thousands of our own people are groveling in midnight darkness and ignorance in regard to the most important and vital object of existence. The poor Red man, the child of the forest, the untutored Chinese, the yet uncivilized African, alike demand of us that the glorious truths of the Gospel be made known to them, and if Charity ever exercised her high office, it is this sphere in which she was peculiarly suited to act. We who can listen to the soft notes of the Sunday morning's bell calling us to worship, do not all the time think of the destitute places or the parts of the vineyard which need our care and attention.

The "Home Mission," which is but a plan devised by God's people, by the Baptists, to disseminate His Gospel in the destitute places of the States, has had an existence for thirty-seven years. For this period of time has this organized body of Christians been zealously at work to bring men to repentance and righteousness, and like all good undertakings, like all things which have as the ultimate object the glory of God, has thus been blessed and fostered by Divine power. No other mission, no other organization for the preaching of God's Word, has received more evidences of Divine favor than has the "Home Mission."

From Africa's clime and from Celestial China, do we hear the shouts of Hallelujah, that the child of Bethlehem is there, and that, too, through the aid of this Mission.

The result of the late war left us in a new state of society; the black man was taken from the immediate control, supervision and education of his master; the partition line of color division in our churches was taken away, and he put upon us to educate morally, intellectually and politically.

He is now and must be (for to him we owe a duty second to no other race) the child and object of the "Home Mission" Board.

On the 10th-14th of May, 1882, the Southern Baptist Convention was held in Greenville, S. C., and among the many interesting features of the meeting the "Home Mission Board" formed no little part. From the minutes of that meeting and the letters of Corresponding Secretaries we are enabled to give a very intelligent statement of the condition and present workings of this board. Not only are destitutions reported from our own communities, but from foreign portions of our land is the cry for help heard, and those who have received but the first glimpse of the Gospel, appeal for help to further its teachings. Our denomination represents many counties in California as destitute of places of worship, and expects that through the agency of this mission the help will be supplied.

In the Creek Nation the "Levering school" has been completed and every necessary convenience for thorough instruction has been provided.

One hundred and twenty pupils are reported in attendance, the building and grounds are enclosed by a substantial fence and every material convenience supplied. There is, too, quite a religious interest manifested among the pupils. Fifteen have been baptized, and thirty others are anxiously asking what they must do to be saved. Bible lessons are given daily by blackboard exercises, and rehearsed in concert by the whole school until the same are learned, when new lessons are given.

Societies for furnishing clothing and other necessities have been formed, and valuable contributions acknowledged from the Baptist churches of Lexington, Louisville and Baltimore.

It is to be hoped that these charitable institutions will continue to be organized and created as the influence of the Board is extended. The effort to connect the Home Board and the State Board is being vigorously prosecuted and we have no doubt but that the labors of these men of God will be crowned with success. This done and the Board will receive a new impetus, and in a few years will be able to tell the story that all destitutions are filled by able and competent preachers.

The contributions reported to the Convention, while they leave no room for one to regret that he is an Alabamian, yet tell that there is great work to be done to thoroughly arouse the masses; that to scatter the truths of the Master, a portion of our earnings must be given, and the truth inculcated that "God loves a cheerful giver." While Alabama stands third in the list of States represented in that body, having contributed \$10,027.14, yet fifty-four associations, including 1,043 churches, are reported as not contributing to this good cause.

The Sunday Schools have begun work in earnest to add to the Woman's Missionary fund and in this auxiliary of the church, this plan of early and lasting impressions, this plan of training, when the mind is young and the heart tender and pure, may we hope for a glorious work that will be prosecuted to a more perfect end.

In response to appeals made for help by our denomination in the city of New Orleans, the Board opened up a correspondence with Coliseum Place Church, and ascertained by this means the true financial status of that church. Involved in debt, and interest accruing yearly, it was impossible to meet all expenses, and yet find sufficient funds to pay the pastor's salary.

The great aid which this would be to the Board was realized and seen by these good men in charge of its work and the help was extended.

Rev. Sylvanus Landrum was called as pastor and made the missionary of the Board. He entered upon the work December 1st, and aided by good men and women is prosecuting the work with every apparent good result. The debt has been much lessened, but the work is not over. Help must come from our labors or this most useful aid so near in sight will languish.

Let us pay attention to this.

The finances of the Board are in advance of that reported for last year. The indebtedness, which embarrassed the work in 1875, of \$17,000, has been extinguished.

The aggregate amount contributed for both purposes as the report shows, is \$94,273.36.

The general outlook of the work is very flattering and a close study of its condition interesting, and it is the hope of this Committee that the Association will not consider the Board or its business second to any of this, our annual meeting. All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. W. B. PRICE, Chairman.

22. The *Report on Foreign Missions* was read by A. B. Starke.
REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The dying command of our blessed Savior was to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. What are the Baptists of Alabama doing? We are giving less than \$2,000, or 2½ cents per member. The Presbyterians of the United States give 58 cents per member. The Baptists of South Carolina give 9¾ cents per member. It is time that the Baptists of Alabama were waking up on this important subject. Can not we as a denomination raise during the coming year 5 cents per member which would secure for the Board from this State \$4,000.00, just double what we are now doing?

We would urge upon our brethren of the Fufaula Association to awake to the importance of this subject. Blessed as we have been the present year with health and abundant crops, let us feel under renewed obligations to our Lord. Let us show our love to him by increased contributions. While there are eight hundred and fifty-five millions of heathen who have not heard the blessed gospel, we think that there were only two or three recruits to our missionary force last year.

Let us be up and doing.

A. B. STARKE, Chairman.

23. The whole subject of *Missions* was discussed by T. M. Bailey, W. N. Reeves, and M. M. Wamboldt, after which the three reports were adopted.

24. *Hawkinsville* church petitioned by a letter and two delegates for membership. On motion, the church was received into membership with this Association and the Moderator extended to the delegates, H. Hawkins and R. West, the hand of fellowship.

25. *Memorial Services* of James Stratton Paullin were held for one hour. The song, "Brother, though from yonder sky," was sung. Prayer was offered by W. S. Rogers. The following *Report on Deceased Ministers* was read by W. S. Rogers:

Rev. James Stratton Paullin.

Born June 7, 1837.
Died June 1, 1882.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers have the sad duty laid upon them of reporting that an unerring Providence has removed from us our beloved brother, James Stratton Paullin. From early manhood he had been an indefatigable laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, an able expounder of that truth which makes wise the simple, and a fearless advocate of those distinctive views and practices which give our denomination individuality. Excepting one year, his life-work was done in the bounds of our Association. For a long series of years he served this body as its efficient clerk, and his labors have contributed largely to its efficiency and present power.

We deem it proper, therefore, to offer for your consideration and adoption the following

RESOLUTIONS :

Resolved, That, in the death of James Stratton Paullin, Christianity has lost a worthy and able minister ; our denomination an able defender of the faith once delivered to the saints ; and our Association a true and beloved co-laborer.

Resolved, 2nd, That whilst we mourn his loss, we will endeavor to submit our wills to our Father above and say, "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight," and remember his virtues and labors as stimuli to our energies and encouragement to our faith.

Resolved, 3rd, That we tender his bereaved family our deepest condolence and recommend them for comfort to the God whom he served, a very present help in trouble and an everlasting support and protection.

W. S. ROGERS, Chairman.

The following address commemorative of the life and services of our deceased brother was then delivered by J. D. Roquemore, to-wit :

Address of John D. Roquemore.

"To every man upon this earth death cometh soon or late." You and I at the last must come to the grave. Wasting disease will consume our strength, sorrowing friends will surround our couch, heart-breaking farewells will be spoken, the last kiss will be given, the death-sweat will gather on our brows, the last harvestman will multiply his sheaves by our taking off, the grave clothes will be placed on our stiffening bodies, the cold, still form will lie with closed eyes and upturned face in the coffin, the black plumes of the hearse will nod and bend over our last ride, the silent crowd will assemble at the church, the tolling bell will call us to our last coming, the cadences of the solemn music will roll through aisles, while here and there will be sobs and pants of sorrow, the funeral oration will be spoken over our lifeless form, the slow procession will move to the cemetery, the black earth will yawn, the mortal will disappear—ashes to ashes, dust to dust—the rumbling clods will thump on our coffin lid, growing fainter and fainter in sound till the grave is full, a little heap of earth will be made to mark our resting place, loving hearts, breaking with grief, will leave us—forever. Have you never had the time to think of this? Has your lot been so happy as to make you forget that your blood must chill, your mar-

row freeze, and your bones grow fleshless? Has ambition so consumed you as to crowd out a view of the inevitable? Has pride so held you to yourself as to cause you never to think of Death? Then be reminded that this remorseless visitor will sooner or later come to your bedside and lay his cold hand on your trembling heart and freeze it into an everlasting stillness. Rank and talent, office and authority, genius and skill, place and power, wealth and wisdom, all drop in unresisting submission at his touch. It is not less true that the homeless tramp will taste death than that

"Earth's highest glory ends in 'here he lies,'

And 'dust to dust' concludes her noblest song."

The busy world moves on, regarding not the hour when this sure visitor shall come as a thief in the night, each of the vast throng in eager pursuit of some phantom of happiness, till suddenly we find an open grave cut across our pathway, and then we sit down beside it for awhile and weep tears of bitterest woe: but the journey does not end here, nor does it turn back; on, on with the world, must we go till at last another open grave is found and we stumble into it. We stand beside a new made grave to day—a loved and valued companion lies in it and we pause a moment in our march to that Eternity he has found, to weep over our loss, to recount his virtues, to rear a monument to his memory, and learn lessons of profit from his life—for lasting lessons, lessons of beautiful hope, trustful faith, unremitting devotion to duty, unostentatious benevolence, charity that vaunteth not itself, love unalloyed by selfishness—may be learned by the side of this latest grave, the grave of JAMES STRATTON PAULLIN, the humble servant of God, the faithful disciple of Jesus.

On the 7th day of June, in the year 1837, he was born on the field of his future usefulness and sacrifices, in the city of Eufaula. His parents were William S. Paullin, that dear old brother whose presence has so long delighted us, and Eliza Paullin, a wise and devout Christian woman, whose feebleness of frame, as well as her strength and beauty of character, she transmitted to this only child. At the tender age of seven years he was stricken with disease and though his life was spared, he carried its effects to the end. He was educated in the schools in Eufaula, and while not noted for brilliancy of intellect, he had no difficulty in mastering his studies, and was diligent and obedient. He had the confidence alike of his instructors and his fellow pupils and was always ready to play the role of a peacemaker. At the early age of 14 years, the natural bent of his mind encouraged and led on by the godly walk of his honored parents, caused him to think upon his relations to God and to consider his duty in respect to his earthly course. Going to that loving source from which he never failed to get affectionate and wise counsel, his devoted mother, and thence to his father, he was encouraged and advised, and directed to the pastor of his parents' church, Dr. McIntosh, for further consultation and instruction. Being of a submissive and reverential disposition, possessing a well-balanced mind, and having received careful and pious training from his earliest understanding, it was no difficult matter for Stratton Paullin to accept the plan of salvation and become a devoted Christian. He was received into the church at Eufaula and was baptized by Dr. McIntosh. This was the beginning of his life of consecration to the service of God, a life full of deeds of charity, benevolence, love and usefulness. Unostentatious though it was, it was beautiful and remarkable for its unpublished sacrifices, its unpretentious heroism and its unvaunted successes. At the age of 18, having meantime continued at school, he came to his father and informed him that he felt it to be his duty to preach the gospel of his Savior. Fearing that his mind was too immature at that time to finally determine so important a question and fearing the effect of a revulsion of feeling, if he should change his mind, he was cautiously delayed in a final conclusion for a year, and was placed in an office to study law. He readily consented to the suggestion so made to him, at once showing qualities of fitness for the ministry by this example of confidence in his ability to withstand

the test of his love and duty, and his cheerful acquiescence in the superior judgment of his father. For a year he diligently pursued his studies, but when his probationary term had expired, the more matured mind and the more loving heart approved his first conviction of duty and under the direction of Rev. A. VanHoose he began a systematic preparation to do his Master's work.

In 1859, he was licensed by the Eufaula church to preach, and accepted a call immediately extended to him by the Pine Grove church, with which he remained a year or two, at the same time acting as colporteur for this Association. About 1860 he went to the church in Clayton through the influence I am told of that grand old brother whose ready hand has been held out to so many young men, whose counsels and activity are so valuable to us to-day, Col. Morgan Seals. I am told that while Col. Seals remained in Clayton he contributed nearly if not quite half of his salary—and it is the wish of his friends that his great love and gratitude to this good and faithful friend should be publicly testified: and this last testimony to the living one it pleases me to give. His pastorate of the Clayton church embraced a period of 21 years, but he spent 4 years with the churches at Midway and Mobile. While with the latter church he suffered a hemorrhage of the lungs and by the advice of his friends he came back to Clayton, resigning his charge in Mobile, and was subsequently re-called to the Clayton church and was its pastor when he died. A year or so before he died he re-organized the church at Glennville and gave it regular monthly service, at the same time serving the church at Hurtsboro monthly, also. It was at Glennville he preached his last sermon, just four days before his death. He was sick and feeble, his frame wasted and worn down by a long warfare with the remorseless disease so soon to conquer him, when he went to his people with the last message. He spoke to them, and when his exhaustion from the effort was observed and a kindly remonstrance was made, "You ought not to have preached," he replied without hesitation, "Yes, I ought. I have been in bad health for a long time—more than twenty years—and I have never missed an appointment when I could possibly get to it and I intend to die with the harness on." And so he did—he had not the time to take the harness off before the summons came. He was carried from Glennville to his home in Clayton, and there, surrounded by loving friends and kindred, he breathed out his life, on the first day of June, 1882. On the next day faithful friends, some who had shared the pleasures and sports of his early manhood, some who had battled at his side in the warfare for Christ, many who had received his tender sympathy, bore him to the spot, within a few feet of the pulpit in the Clayton church, selected by himself for his burial, and laid him in the grave, where he "waits the adoption, to-wit, the redemption of the body."

During all these years of service as a pastor he was closely allied to the work this body meets to accomplish, and who can remember a time in 22 years until now, when he was not present at a meeting of this Association? For the most of this period he was the clerk of the body, faithful, useful, prompt, alert, intelligent, acquiescent, with a perfect knowledge of the necessities of our chosen work, the means by which it might be best accomplished and the best manner of employing such means.

He was the secretary of the Ex. Com. of the Association and inspired or aided in accomplishing many of the plans made by that Committee. I do not remember a meeting of the Committee that he did not notify the members in advance of its approaching and at which he was not present. The neat and business-like manner in which he kept the papers and laid matters before the Committee as its Secretary and before the Association as its Clerk well showed the directness and order of his mind and habit. Confusion, disorder, was foreign to him and when he met it, he was unhappy until it was overcome. He was not demonstrative in his disposition and was slow to dull the palm of entertainment with new comrades, but the friends that time and test had proven true, he claved to, even unto death.

There was no deception in his nature; open, honest, manly in his opinions and his speech, yet he used his candor with judgment, having a charitable regard for the opinions and privileges of others. With this, however, he was fearless in upholding the right, and while he would not smite down with his hand a wrong-doer he gently but manfully stood in uncompromising defense in his path. He made the performance of duty his one guiding principle of life, and his devotion to this principle, is what marked him as a man above men. How he performed it, let his faithful ministry attest—if duty set a task before him, he went to it with a quiet resolution born of truth and honor and virtue. Richard of the Lion's Heart was to me never so grand in his deeds of chivalry and prowess, as was this simple Christian man in his labored journeys on foot, through heat and cold, to serve his people. With a heart too brave to yield, and a courage too manly to hesitate, difficulties seemed to meet him but to afford demonstration of how surely he could overcome them.

When John Wesley was asked how he would spend the intervening time if he knew he should die to-morrow, it is said that he replied, "Just as I expect now to spend it. I should preach at Gloucester to-night, and at 5 o'clock in the morning, ride on to Tewksbury, preach in the afternoon, and meet the societies in the evening. I should then repair to friend Martin's house who expects to entertain me, converse and pray with the family as usual, retire to my room, commend myself to my Heavenly Father, lie down to rest, and wake up in glory." So with the brother whom we mourn to-day; for years he expected "to die on the morrow," but his sublime trust in God made him move right on, leaving all things in His hands. Many times did Death seem about to call him away, and yet long did he linger to disturb so busy a worker—but at last he could wait no longer, and on that bright June morning he gave the mighty summons, the active brain grew tired, the beating heart was still—Stratton Paullin had passed the Ivory gates.

"He is gone, and nothing can bereave him
Of the force he made his own being here,
And being gone we believe him
Something far advanced in state,
And that he wears a truer crown
Than any wreath that man can weave him."

In the solemn silence of the grave let us

"* * * * leave him,
God accept him, Christ receive him."

So we must all go, and let the living lay it to heart and seek an assured refuge in the day when there will be a trumpet blast so shrill that none on earth may refuse to hear it; that day when every soul shall re-enter its shrine of eminent or common clay and pass upward to the judgment. God in His mercy grant that you may

"So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unflinching trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

After brief remarks by D. M. Seals, W. S. Rogers, W. N. Reeves, J. A. B. Besson, M. M. Wamboldt and the Moderator, the report was unanimously adopted.

26. The following resolution was adopted, to-wit :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and given to the State Mission Board, to be used as a fund for the purchase of books, to be known as the *James Stratton Paullin Permanent Colportage Fund*.

A sum amounting to something over a hundred dollars was raised.

27. The following resolution was adopted, to-wit : *W. A. D.*

Resolved, That the Executive Committee transfer to the State Mission Board all the *books remaining unsold* in the Association's depository, their value to be added to the sum already paid for the Colportage fund.

28. The following resolution was adopted, to-wit :

Resolved, That the Eufaula Times and News, the Eufaula Bulletin, the Clayton Courier, and THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, be requested to publish the address delivered by J. D. Roquemore.

Adjourned till 2 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

29. *Devotional Exercises* for fifteen minutes were conducted by the Moderator.

30. *Correspondence was returned* as follows :

Bethel—J. E. Chambliss and D. M. Seals.

Centennial—W. S. Rogers, W. C. Jordan, A. B. Starke, J. G. Sinquefield, I. P. Cheney, M. L. Long and C. J. Jones.

Judson—H. E. Brooks and T. H. Craddock.

Montgomery—Wm. A. Davis, W. H. Patterson and W. S. Rogers.

Newton—A. H. Borders, J. G. Sinquefield, and J. E. McCormick.

Tuskegee—I. P. Cheney, H. B. Florence and W. H. Patterson.

31. The following resolution was adopted, to-wit :

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to include in the Minutes the *Statistics* of any churches whose letters shall hereafter be handed him.

32. The *Report of Committee on State of Churches*, was read by J. A. B. Besson, and adopted, to-wit :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We find that, while the churches generally report a good degree of spirituality and general interest in the Master's work, there have been only 89 received by baptism during the year. This is a large falling off from last year, and the question naturally comes up, Why is this? This has been an unusual year of peace and plenty, our crops have been abundant, and Providence has been gracious, and why should not people who have been so greatly blessed, have been turning by scores in gratitude to God and consecrating themselves to his service. Let us be more earnest in the cause of our Master. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his wonderful works and his goodness to the children of men."

Brethren Schramm, Bloodworth and Howard have aided pastors in several meetings with happy results.

During the year our beloved brother, James Stratton Paullin, pastor of Clayton church, has been called to his glorious reward. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ; for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Three churches are unrepresented.

The interest in Sunday Schools is on the increase.

Bethlehem—Has held special meetings. Sunday School meets every Sunday. Has no prayer meeting.

Centre Ridge—Contributions have increased. Held two series of meetings. Has a Sunday School and prayer meeting.

Clayton—A. H. Borders elected pastor in place of J. S. Paullin, deceased. Has a Sunday School and prayer meeting. Had special meetings, but no accessions by baptism.

Cowikee—Has held no protracted meeting. Has no Sunday School and no prayer meeting.

Enon—Has no Sunday School and no prayer meeting. Believes that membership is growing in all the graces.

Eufaula—Attendance on worship is good and increasing. J. E. Chambliss has been pastor since January 1st. Has a very fine Sunday School and a satisfactory prayer meeting. Asks the Association to consider the evils of the liquor traffic. Invites the Association to meet in Eufaula at its next session.

Evergreen—Is not represented.

Glennville—Held protracted meeting. Increased in membership and blessed spiritually. I. P. Cheney is pastor in place of J. S. Paullin, deceased. Has a Sunday School but no prayer meeting.

Hawkinsville—Organized in December, 1881. Had a meeting which resulted in one baptism.

Hurtsboro—Has held no protracted meeting. Has a Sunday School and a prayer meeting, which meets irregularly. J. O. Hixson is pastor, in place of J. S. Paullin, deceased.

Midway—Condition of church is wonderfully good. Has a prayer meeting and a fine Sunday School. Licensed E. W. Smith to preach.

Mt. Moriah—Has no prayer meeting nor Sunday School. Condition about as last year.

Mt. Olive—Had a protracted meeting. Has no Sunday School nor prayer meeting.

Mt. Zion—Contributions have increased. Sunday School meets every Sunday. Has no prayer meeting.

New Hope—Church is prosperous. Contributions have increased. Had a protracted meeting. Has no Sunday School nor prayer meeting.

Pea Creek—Is not represented.

Pine Grove—Has no prayer meeting nor Sunday School. Has nothing of special interest to report.

Pleasant Grove—Contributions have increased and the condition of the church is good. Has licensed G. W. Harrison to preach. Holds prayer meeting and Sunday School regularly.

Pleasant Hill—Is not represented.

Ramah—Held protracted meeting. Has a fine Sunday School, but no prayer meeting.

Union—Condition of the church is good. Held a protracted meeting. Has no Sunday School and prayer meeting is held irregularly.

Faternally submitted, J. A. B. BESSON, Chairman.

33. The Report on Education was read by D. M. Seals.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The wise man of the Bible has properly defined education to be the "training up of a child in the way he shall go," so that "when he is old he will not depart therefrom." This definition of education comes to us under the sanction of divine inspiration. This mental training, which necessarily embraces moral discipline and moulds the character, belongs appropriately to the season of childhood and youth. It includes more than mental and moral culture. History confirms the proposition that education is inseparably connected with the religion of all people, whether it be the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ or any other religion, however false or absurd. It is tremendously true that God has joined our holy religion indissolubly with the proper education of the youth of our own country.

The blessings of education are too manifest for enumeration in the space allowed in this report. We affirm that not the least benefit which correct education imparts is its preventative influence against the formation of evil and vicious habits of thought and conduct at the period when the heart is most tender and the mind most susceptible. What an infinity of good is thus accomplished, eternity alone can tell. Hence, in most instances, the school room supplements and confirms the home discipline in restraining the evil and fixing the good habits and characters of the young and unwary. In fact, without the exercise of wholesome moral discipline, the objects and purposes of the school would be a failure.

A simple comparison of the moral status of the ignorant with that of the educated will fully demonstrate this truth. The statistics of crime is an appalling commentary on this subject, and the lessons there taught are too important and mandatory to be ignored by us. So it is eminently true that however broad the field of learning, where art and science and all other elements of instruction are taught, the school room is not a mere department for lectures and for learning and receiving lessons from the text-book. But the school room is the great laboratory, so to speak, in which the mind is manipulated and prepared for the great uses and purposes intended by our benevolent and wise Creator.

Education enlarges, strengthens, and disciplines the natural faculties to such a degree and extent that its energies seem almost creative in their effects. Education, scholarship of itself, is not knowledge the most useful; it is simply the medium, the means through which the mind and heart are prepared and enabled to take in, to receive and utilize, the highest degree of knowledge and information attainable by man. It develops the man to his full stature, it is the fulcrum with which he can elevate himself to the high position and destinies to which every one can and ought to aspire. It ennobles man and fits him for the place that God intended him to fill.

Duty to God, to our country, and to our fellow man, imperatively demands of us to bestow the blessing of education upon every son and daughter of our land. While we are gratified in knowing that the cause of education has been much advanced within the last few years, still we must regret that we, as a people, have not come up to the full measure of duty with respect to this great and momentous question. Much yet remains to be done.

We have been much interested in a series of communications recently published in the "Montgomery Advertiser," from the pen of Col. D. S. Troy, in which he proposes and advocates a plan for procuring from the general Government an appropriation of \$11,000,000, due to the South for moneys known as the Cotton Tax, from which that sum was unconstitutionally exacted. It is hoped that a sense of shame, if not of justice to us, may yet induce the government to pay this just debt, and that it may be wisely made the nucleus for the means of free, universal education amongst us.

We take pleasure in commending our high schools, colleges and seminaries as the right places for the education of our children. In this connection we would make favorable mention of Howard College, the Judson Female Institute, and the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa.

D. M. SEALS, Chairman.

After discussion by W. S. Rogers, Z. T. Weaver, and T. M. Bailey the report was adopted.

34. The *Committee on Nominations* presented the following report which was adopted, to-wit:

To preach the Introductory Sermon.—Z. T. Weaver.

Alternate.—I. P. Cheney.

To preach the Missionary Sermon.—W. S. Rogers.

Alternate.—J. E. Chambliss.

For Executive Committee.—J. E. Chambliss, W. S. Rogers, W. H. Pat-

terson, Wm. A. Davis, D. M. Seals, Z. T. Weaver, E. S. Shorter, A. H. Borders, J. D. Roquemore, W. N. Reeves, and J. A. Walker.

For Delegates to State Convention.—W. H. Patterson, E. L. Graves, J. R. Vann, W. S. Rogers, W. N. Reeves, J. E. Chambliss, M. Cody, J. D. Roquemore, Wm. A. Davis, E. S. Shorter, A. H. Borders, Seth Mabry, J. E. McCormick, Thos. Withers, and J. A. Roquemore.

35. The *Report on Sunday Schools* was read by H. B. Florence, as follows :

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School has become one of the most powerful factors in the strength of Christianity. It has assumed a more definite shape and is more efficient than ever before. Our churches generally have Sunday Schools and our membership feels in a degree the importance of the work. But whilst these facts are very encouraging, it is still a fact that there is much lethargy in our churches and many who ought to be members have no connection with the Sunday School. There is no trouble in getting up a long roll of names for the Sunday School in the spring but the enthusiasm soon evaporates and the roll-call quickly shows many absentees.

A Sunday School should number the entire church membership and yet it is too generally the case that the Superintendent, the teachers, and a small Bible class are all of the church who are actively engaged in the work. We feel that we are safe in saying that not more than one third of our membership is actively engaged in the work. This is certainly not as it should be. It leaves no room for a boast. Sunday School work is second to none save that of the pulpit in importance and has promise of more and richer fruit than any which can engage the personal energies of a church and we seriously apprehend that many of our Sunday School workers themselves fail to realize its sublime possibilities.

Whilst our churches are growing in numbers and liberality and our denominational institutions are reaching out after broader and higher things and our missionaries in heathen lands are wreathing the cross with richest laurels, we should endeavor to keep the Sunday School work abreast of all other enterprises, for upon it all our other benevolent enterprises are largely dependent. We recommend especially that our pastors give a larger place to this work in their pulpit and pastoral ministrations.

H. B. FLORENCE, Chairman.

After discussion by J. E. Chambliss, W. N. Reeves, W. S. Rogers, T. M. Bailey and D. M. Seals, the report was adopted.

36. The *Report of Finance Committee* was read and adopted. (See Statistical Table.)

37. The following resolution offered by the Finance Committee was adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That the money sent up by the churches, not otherwise set apart, be appropriated as follows :

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| For printing Minutes, for other printing, and postage..... | \$ 60 00 |
| Expenses of H. R. Schramm and E. W. Smith at Howard College | |
| for year 1882-3..... | 325 00 |
| “ balance due Howard College for account of H. R. Schramm for year | |
| 1881-2..... | 34 00 |
| and that balance be turned over to State Mission Board to be appropriated as the Board sees fit. | |

W.A.D. 38. The following resolution was adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to take the written obligations of brethren for such amounts of money as may be furnished them for educational purposes by this Association, such amounts to be returned in kind

or in ministerial service within the bounds of this Association, or elsewhere with the approval of the Association.

39. The *Report of the Treasurer* was read by M. Cody and adopted, to wit:

M. CODY, Treasurer,

In Account with Eufaula Association:

| Dr. | |
|----------------|---|
| Oct. 21, 1882. | To am't rec'd of Finance Committee.....\$1,385 95 |
| Cr. | |
| Oct. 21, 1882. | By am't pd. Clerk for printing Minutes, for other printing, and for postage.\$ 60 00 |
| " " | " T. M. Bailey for expenses of H. R. Schramm and E. W. Smith at Howard College 1882-3..... 325 00 |
| " " | " T. M. Bailey balance due Howard College on acct. H. R. Schramm 1881-2..... 34 00 |
| " " | " T. M. Bailey on acct. Jas. Stratton Paullin Perm. Colp. Fund. 57 60 |
| " " | " T. M. Bailey to be appropriated as S. M. Board sees fit..... 894 40 |
| " " | " W. C. Jordan for family of J. P. W. Brown..... 7 10 |
| " " | " G. W. Harrison to purchase books..... 7 85 |

\$1,385 95

Fraternally submitted,

M. CODY, Treas.

40. The *Committee to define the Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee* made the following report which was adopted, after discussion by J. E. Chambliss, D. M. Seals, W. S. Rogers, W. H. Patterson, M. M. Wamboldt, J. O. Hixson, Z. T. Weaver, W. N. Reeves, W. C. Jordan and Wm. A. Davis.

REPORT.

1. It is the duty of the Executive Committee, heretofore created by a resolution of this body, to perform such work as the Association in session assigns to it, reporting its work fully to the Association.

2. When contingencies and circumstances arise which have not been provided for in the instructions of the Association, it may and should pursue such a course as will accomplish what it believes is the will of the Association, and may incur such financial liabilities as it believes the Association can and will promptly meet.

3. We deem it eminently proper for the Committee to forecast and recommend to the Association such work and enterprises as it may deem proper for the greater efficiency of the Association.

W. S. ROGERS, Chairman.

41. It was unanimously agreed to have the *next meeting* of the Association with *Eufaula Church*.

Adjourned till 7 P. M.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

42. The Association was *called to order* at 7:30 o'clock and prayer was offered by W. S. Rogers.

43. The Moderator announced the appointment of following *Standing Committees* to report next year.

Sabbath Schools.—B. Davie, E. L. Graves, H. C. Thornton.

State Missions.—J. D. Roquemore, J. J. S. Willis, A. B. Starke.

Home Missions.—G. B. Thomas, M. Bennett, J. G. Sinquefield.

Foreign Missions.—W. S. Paullin, A. W. Beverly, J. E. McCormick.

Education.—H. Hawkins, L. Kendrick Faulk, J. R. Vann.

Deceased Ministers.—J. M. Thornton, W. A. Bishop, G. W. Harrison.

44. The Committee appointed to consider the suggestion of Eufaula Church regarding *Prohibition* offered through its Chairman, J. E. Chambliss, the following resolutions, to wit :

Resolved, That this Association is in hearty sympathy with the effort being made in Barbour county and in the State of Alabama to procure an act of the Legislature for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors and recommends to all Christians and to all other good citizens the most active co-operation with the prohibition movement as offering the surest deliverance of our community from the evils of intemperance.

Resolved, 2nd, That five delegates be elected to a Prohibition Convention to be held in Montgomery on Nov. 21st.

After discussion by J. E. Chambliss, A. B. Starke, Z. T. Weaver, W. S. Rogers, T. M. Bailey, W. C. Jordan, J. O. Hixson, W. H. Patterson, and Wm. A. Davis, the report was adopted, and W. S. Rogers, W. C. Jordan, A. W. Beverly, Z. T. Weaver, J. E. Chambliss were appointed as delegates.

45. The *Report of Committee on Circular of State Mission Board* was read by W. S. Rogers, and adopted, as follows :

Your Committee are gratified to report that the plan proposed by the Board, after having been worked another year, has proven quite satisfactory, feasible, and advantageous. We recommend that this Association follow the plan and carry out the suggestions and raise during the ensuing year the total amount of \$1,275.00.

We recommend that the churches contribute respectively the following sums, which, though they are merely suggestive, we believe will be cheerfully paid, to wit: Bethlehem \$50; Centre Ridge \$35; Clayton \$90; Cowikee \$50; Enon \$35; Eufaula \$400; Evergreen \$15; Glennville \$25; Hawkinsville \$25; Hurtsboro \$35; Midway \$175; Mt. Moriah \$20; Mt. Olive \$20; Mt. Zion \$100; New Hope \$20; Pea Creek \$10; Pine Grove \$50; Pleasant Grove \$15; Pleasant Hill \$25; Ramah \$65; Union \$15—total \$1,275.

W. S. ROGERS, Chairman.

46. The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote, to wit : *W. H. D.*

Resolved, That this Association appreciates the *cordial hospitality* of the citizens of every denomination in the vicinity of Batesville and the delegates return their hearty thanks for the many kindnesses extended. In separating, we pray the blessing of our Lord and Master that our hosts may be prospered in worldly goods and may grow day by day in grace and a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

47. It was, on motion, agreed that the *Introductory Sermon* be preached hereafter on Friday at 11 A. M. and that the *Association* continue in session until Monday if necessary to finish the work of the body.

48. On motion, it was decided to take up a *collection* for family of J. P. W. Brown. The money was turned over to W. C. Jordan.

49. The recommendation of the Executive Committee suggesting a series of four or six *District Meetings* was agreed to and the arrangements were committed to the Executive Committee.

50. The following resolution was adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That a *Central Ladies Missionary Committee* be appointed.

The Moderator appointed the following committee, to-wit :

Mrs. J. A. Foster, Ch'm'n.

" J. E. Chambliss,

" W. H. Patterson,

" W. N. Reeves,

" J. A. Roquemore,

" M. Cody,

" Isham Smith,

Mrs. J. M. White,

Miss Atlanta White,

Mrs. M. B. Thornton,

" M. S. Perkins,

" J. A. Walker,

" Julia Finney,

" C. Rhodes.

51. It was agreed, on motion, that a *Sunday School Convention* be held at some time during the coming year at a time and place to be decided by the Executive Committee.

52. The following resolution was adopted after discussion by Z. T. Weaver, J. E. Chambliss, Wm. A. Davis, W. S. Rogers and J. J. S. Willis, to wit :

Resolved, That this Association construes the action of last year's session as organizing a *Sunday School Convention* not self-perpetuating out subject to the control of this Association.

Resolved, 2d, That the Executive Committee arrange the programme for the next convention.

53. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to publish the *minutes of the Sunday School Convention* held at Ramah in April last with the minutes of the Association.

54. The Moderator made a few *parting remarks* and during the singing of "How firm a foundation," the delegates gave each other the parting hand. Prayer was offered by T. M. Bailey.

Adjourned till Sunday, 9. A. M.

October 22, 1882.

SUNDAY MORNING.

55. The Moderator called the Association *to order* at 10 o'clock.

56. An *address on Sunday School work* was made by T. M. Bailey, and brief remarks by J. A. B. Besson and W. S. Rogers.

57. On motion, the *minutes were approved* without reading and the Clerk instructed to publish them.

58. The *Missionary Sermon* was preached at 11:30 o'clock by J. E. Chambliss from Is. 60 : 1, 2.

59. A *sermon* was preached at 2:30 o'clock by T. M. Bailey, from Acts 10 : 38.

60. The Association then *adjourned* to meet in *Eufaula* at 11

o'clock on *Friday* before the *fourth* Sabbath in *October*, 1883
(Oct. 26, 1883.)

W. H. PATTERSON, Moderator.

WM. A. DAVIS, Clerk.



FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
OF THE
EUFULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

RAMAH CHURCH, BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA,
APRIL 29, 1882.

Saturday, 9 a. m.

The convention was opened with Devotional Exercises, conducted by T. W. Tobey.

On motion, all male members of Baptist churches present, were made members of this Convention.

T. W. Tobey was elected Chairman, and Z. T. Weaver, Secretary.

It was decided that representation should be on the same basis as in the Association.

The delegates were enrolled, as follows :

Centre Ridge—J. J. S. Willis.

Clayton—B. Davie.

Cowikee—T. J. Hudgeons.

Eufaula—J. D. Roquemore, W. H. Patterson, J. E. Chambliss and T. W. Tobey.

Glennville—I. P. Cheney and B. F. McCarty.

Hurtsboro—A. H. Stephens.

Midway—N. J. Lewis, W. S. Rogers, W. C. Jordan, E. W. Smith, W. B. Finney, G. D. Thornton and L. K. Faulk.

Mt. Moriah—A. A. Adams and R. P. Adams.

Mt. Olive—M. C. Bell and Darrell Blair.

Mt. Zion—N. M. Bledsoe.

New Hope—John Thornton.

Ramah—M. Cody, E. L. Graves, W. P. Gary, B. F. Gary and C. J. Jones.

G. D. Benton and W. A. Therrell were welcomed as visiting brethren and requested to participate in the discussions of the Convention.

Reports from Schools were heard as follows :

Centre Ridge—Good School. Open six months in year. Sessions interesting and attendance good.

Cowikee—Expects to organize a school in May.

Eufaula—Large School, good Superintendent and more interest than ever before.

Midway—School is increasing in numbers and improving in every respect.

New Hope—Church recently organized. Efforts are being made to have a School.

Ramah—Interest decreasing. Has a missionary cotton patch, proceeds to be given to missions.

The topic, "Requisites of Successful Teaching," was discussed by E. W. Smith, W. S. Rogers, and others.

The topic, "How can we make our Schools Interesting for Adults?" was discussed by Z. T. Weaver and G. D. Benton.

Adjourned for dinner.

Saturday, 1 p. m.

Upon reassembling, the topic, "What aids shall we use in our Schools?" was discussed by I. P. Cheney and others.

The topic, "How can we Cultivate the Grace of Giving in our Schools and Among the Children?" was discussed by N. J. Lewis and J. D. Roquemore.

Adjourned till Sabbath morning.

APRIL 30, 1882.

Sabbath, 9 a. m.

Addresses were made by T. W. Tobey, W. H. Patterson and J. E. Chambliss.

At 11 o'clock J. E. Chambliss preached from 2d Cor. v. 17, to a large and attentive audience.

At 2:30 o'clock W. A. Therrell preached from 2d Pet. 1.

Adjourned *sine die*.

T. W. TOBEY, Chairman.

Z. T. WEAVER, Secretary.





STATISTICAL TABLE EUFATIA ASSOCIATION-1882.

| CHURCHES. | Pastors. | Clerks. | Postoffice. | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Died. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Present Membership. | Report Prayer Meetings. | Preaching Sabbath. | Preaching Saturday before. | Report Revivals. | N. in Sabbath Schools. | R. in Church from S. S's. | Contributed by Sunday Schools. | Missionary at Sch. open. | Church Property. | Church Repairs. | Pastor's Salary. | Associational Purposes. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Theological Education. | Evangelization of Colored Race. | Aged and Infirm Ministers. | Bible and Colportage. | TOTAL. | | | | | | |
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| Bethlehem..... | N. C. Underwood..... | S. A. Sims..... | Louisville, Ala..... | 1410 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 98 | Yes | 4 | No | Yes | 67 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 500 00 | | | 200 00 | 3 00 | 15 00 | 5 00 | 10 00 | 7 00 | | | | 40 00 | | | | | | |
| Centre Ridge..... | Z. T. Weaver..... | J. J. S. Willis..... | Mt. Andrew, "..... | 2013 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 6 | Yes | 2 | Yes | Yes | 48 | 7 | 7 50 | 6 | 50 00 | ..... | ..... | 100 00 | 3 00 | 14 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 00 | | | | | | |
| Clayton..... | A. H. Borders..... | L. K. Faulk..... | Clayton, "..... | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 79 | Yes | 1 | No | No | 102 | ..... | 53 00 | 12 | 1000 00 | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | 4 00 | 40 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 14 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 70 05 | | | | | | |
| Cawkee..... | W. H. Patterson..... | John Brightwell..... | Patuxent, "..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 53 | No | 3 | Yes | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 00 | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | 2 00 | 25 00 | 4 75 | 2 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 44 25 | | | | | | | |
| Edon..... | W. S. Rogers..... | John Mulder..... | Midway, "..... | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 42 | No | 2 | Yes | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 175 00 | 3 00 | 27 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 3 55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 41 55 | | | | | | |
| Eufaula..... | J. B. Chambliss..... | Wm. A. Davis..... | Eufaula, "..... | 1013 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 320 | Yes | all | No | Yes | 186 | 7 | 66 44 | 12 | 4000 00 | 400 00 | 1700 00 | 14 00 | 162 00 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 150 00 | 24 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 400 00 | | | | | | |
| *Evergreen..... | A. H. Borders..... | E. G. Kennedy..... | Clayton, "..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 75 | No | 4 | No | Yes | 38 | 2 | 2 00 | 8 | 750 00 | ..... | ..... | 1 00 00 | 2 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 50 | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 00 | | | | | | |
| Glenview..... | L. P. Cheney..... | H. Hawkins..... | Glenview, "..... | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 37 | No | 1st | No | Yes | 29 | | 1400 00 | 15 00 | 150 00 | | | 1 50 00 | 2 00 | 6 00 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 3 00 | | | | 15 00 | | | | | |
| Hawkinsville..... | L. O. Hixson..... | M. L. Long..... | Hawkinsville, "..... | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 42 | Yes | 17 | Yes | No | 88 | ..... | 20 00 | 12 | 1500 00 | 13 00 | 450 00 | 5 00 | 100 00 | 15 00 | 2 00 | 183 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 316 00 | | | | | | | |
| Huntsboro..... | W. S. Rogers..... | M. W. Hall..... | Huntsboro, "..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | No | 4th | Yes | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | ..... | 100 00 | 100 00 | 2 00 | 8 25 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 25 | | | | | | |
| Midway..... | Z. T. Weaver..... | R. P. Bennett..... | Midway, "..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 38 | No | 4th | Yes | Yes | 25 | ..... | 5 75 | 11 | 100 00 | 75 00 | 300 00 | 4 00 | 70 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 20 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 00 | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Moriah..... | Z. T. Weaver..... | G. W. Bennett..... | Clayton, "..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 60 | No | 4th | Yes | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100 00 | 75 00 | 300 00 | 4 00 | 70 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 20 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 112 25 | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Olive..... | J. O. Hixson..... | R. L. Baker..... | Three Notch, "..... | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 47 | No | 4th | Yes | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100 00 | 75 00 | 300 00 | 4 00 | 70 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 20 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 00 | | | | | | | |
| New Hope..... | A. H. Borders..... | J. A. Thornton..... | Midway, "..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 38 | No | 2d | Yes | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 00 | ..... | 70 00 | 2 00 | 23 00 | 7 55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 00 | | | | | | |
| *Pea Creek..... | L. D. Hughes..... | J. A. Myles..... | Louisville, "..... | 21 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 33 | No | 2d | Yes | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 00 | ..... | 70 00 | 2 00 | 23 00 | 7 55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 55 | | | | | | |
| Pine Grove..... | L. P. Cheney..... | George Boyer..... | Eufaula, "..... | 21 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 33 | No | 2d | Yes | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 00 | ..... | 70 00 | 2 00 | 23 00 | 7 55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 00 | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Grove..... | A. H. Borders..... | G. W. Harrison..... | Clayton, "..... | 21 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 33 | No | 2d | Yes | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 00 | ..... | 70 00 | 2 00 | 23 00 | 7 55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 55 | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Hill..... | W. H. Patterson..... | G. D. Williams..... | Eufaula, "..... | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 92 | No | 4th | Yes | Yes | 59 | 1 | 25 00 | 12 | 1000 00 | ..... | 200 00 | 4 00 | 50 00 | 10 00 | 6 00 | 15 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 57 60 | | | | | | | |
| Ramah..... | W. S. Rogers..... | W. P. Cary..... | Harris, "..... | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 92 | No | 4th | Yes | Yes | 59 | 1 | 25 00 | 12 | 1000 00 | ..... | 200 00 | 4 00 | 50 00 | 10 00 | 6 00 | 15 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 10 | | | | | | | |
| Union..... | Jesse Robison..... | John T. Watkins..... | Clayton, "..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | Yes | 2d | Yes | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 85 | | | | | | |
| Collection for James Stratton Paulin, Permanent Colportage fund..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 57 60 | | | | | | |
| " family of J. P. W. Brown..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 10 | | | | | | |
| " books for G. W. Harrison..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 85 | | | | | | |
| " Missions, on Sabbath..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 30 50 | | | | | | |
| Totals..... | | | | 89 | 75 | 8 | 12 | 05 | 14 | 1412 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 640 | 31 | 221 | 69 | 91 | 479 | 75 00 | 703 00 | 4495 00 | 60 00 | 622 | 30 | 94 | 75 | 85 | 30 | 429 | 40 | 24 | 60 | 57 | 60 | \$1385 95 |

*No Letter. Membership from last year's report.



EUFULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—HISTORICAL.

| Session. | Year. | Church. | Moderator. | Clerk. | Mem- bership. | Contri- butions. |
|----------|-------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 1854 | Eufaula | Jno. Gill Shorter..... | P. M. Callaway | * .. | * |
| 2 | 1855 | Clayton | Joel Sims..... | D. McKenzie..... | 1399 | \$ 316 20 |
| 3 | 1856 | Mt. Zion (Macon co).... | W. W. Battle..... | P. M. Callaway..... | 1493 | 402 50 |
| 4 | 1857 | Pleasant Hill..... | " " | " " | 1585 | 732 00 |
| 5 | 1858 | Cowikee..... | " " | H. J. Irby..... | 1953 | 1244 85 |
| 6 | 1859 | Midway..... | " " | J. S. Paulin..... | 1866 | 1091 88 |
| 7 | 1860 | Glennville..... | " " | " " | 1976 | 1057 35 |
| 8 | 1861 | Bethlehem..... | " " | " " | 2009 | 993 65 |
| 9 | 1862 | Ramah..... | " " | " " | 2051 | 866 70 |
| 10 | 1863 | Centre Ridge..... | P. M. Callaway..... | " " | 2210 | 1333 55 |
| 11 | 1864 | Eufaula..... | W. W. Battle..... | " " | 2307 | 9764 95 |
| 12 | 1865 | Clayton..... | " " | " " | 2419 | 349 60 |
| 13 | 1866 | Mt. Zion (Macon co).... | " " | " " | 2334 | 586 83 |
| 14 | 1867 | Mt. Pleasant..... | " " | " " | 2139 | 720 76 |
| 15 | 1868 | Cowikee..... | " " | " " | 1714 | 1635 00 |
| 16 | 1869 | Midway..... | " " | " " | 1523 | 772 00 |
| 17 | 1870 | Pleasant Hill..... | " " | " " | 1287 | 682 95 |
| 18 | 1871 | Bethlehem..... | " " | " " | 1235 | 565 70 |
| 19 | 1872 | Ramah..... | " " | " " | 1519 | 584 90 |
| 20 | 1873 | Midway..... | " " | " " | * .. | * |
| 21 | 1874 | Eufaula..... | " " | " " | * .. | * |
| 22 | 1875 | Mt. Zion (Bullock co)... | " " | " " | * .. | * |
| 23 | 1876 | Enon..... | W. H. Patterson..... | " " | 1405 | 465 03 |
| 24 | 1877 | Pine Grove..... | " " | " " | 1384 | 784 92 |
| 25 | 1878 | Clayton..... | " " | " " | 1493 | 922 10 |
| 26 | 1879 | Pleasant Hill..... | " " | " " | 1363 | 949 40 |
| 27 | 1880 | Midway..... | " " | " " | 1350 | 1107 10 |
| 28 | 1881 | Bethlehem..... | " " | " " | 1381 | 1113 40 |
| 29 | 1882 | Cowikee..... | " " | Wm. A. Davis..... | 1412 | 1385 95 |

*Not reported

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The SECOND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION of the Eufaula Association
will be held with the church at

GLENNVILLE, ON APRIL 28TH AND 29TH, 1883,
being the fifth Sunday and Saturday before. The programme will be arranged
and issued by the Executive Committee a few weeks before the date.